

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering September 13th to 19th, 2015, there were 579,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 700 from August 2015 and 1,400 more than the number employed in September 2014.

Agricultural employment was 44,200 persons in September 2015, up 2,200 from the August 2015 level but 3,800 less than the September 2014 agricultural employment level of 48,000. Non-agricultural employment was 535,200 persons in September 2015. This is a decrease of 1,500 from the August 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 536,700 but 5,200 more than September 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2015 was 4.4 percent. This is a decrease of 1.6 percentage points from the August 2015 rate of 6.0 percent but 1.5 percentage points higher than the September 2014 level of 2.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 9,700 to 605,800 persons in September 2015 from 615,500 persons in August 2015. This is 10,400 more than the September 2014 labour force of 595,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.1 percentage points to 70.2 percent in September 2015 from 71.3 percent in August 2015. The September 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 26,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2015. This is a decrease of 10,400 from August 2015 but is 9,100 more than the number unemployed in September 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 575,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2015, up 3,200 from the August 2015 level of 572,700 and is up 300 from the September 2014 employment level of 575,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2015 was 5.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the August 2015 rate of 4.7 percent and 1.6 percentage points higher than the September 2014 rate of 3.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 160,100 persons in September 2015 to 18,068,700 persons from 18,228,800 persons in August 2015. In September 2014, there were 17,915,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.1 percentage points in September 2015 to 6.4 percent from the August 2015 level of 7.5 percent. In September 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in September 2015. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than August 2015 and 0.2 percentage points higher than the September 2014 level of 6.9 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September 2015	August 2015	September 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,313.8	19,708.8	19,112.9	-395.0	200.9
Employed ('000)	18,068.7	18,228.8	17,915.1	-160.1	153.6
Full-Time ('000)	14,688.6	15,255.6	14,484.3	-567.0	204.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,380.1	2,973.3	3,430.8	406.8	-50.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,245.1	1,479.9	1,197.8	-234.8	47.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	7.5	6.3	-1.1	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.0	6.9	0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	67.2	65.8	-1.4	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	605.8	615.5	595.4	-9.7	10.4
Employed ('000)	579.4	578.7	578.0	0.7	1.4
Full-Time ('000)	476.7	485.8	482.5	-9.1	-5.8
Part-Time ('000)	102.7	92.9	95.5	9.8	7.2
Unemployed ('000)	26.4	36.8	17.3	-10.4	9.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	6.0	2.9	-1.6	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	4.7	3.5	0.4	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	71.3	69.6	-1.1	0.6
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Labour Force ('000)	2,473.6	2,488.4	2,393.4	-14.8	80.2
Employed ('000)	2,327.0	2,324.9	2,293.4	2.1	33.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,910.3	1,991.5	1,906.0	-81.2	4.3
Part-Time ('000)	416.6	333.4	387.5	83.2	29.1
Unemployed ('000)	146.6	163.5	99.9	-16.9	46.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.6	4.2	-0.7	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.0	4.6	0.5	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	73.4	73.9	72.5	-0.5	0.9
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	673.9	686.9	664.4	-13.0	9.5
Employed ('000)	640.9	638.4	630.0	2.5	10.9
Full-Time ('000)	518.8	528.6	510.5	-9.8	8.3
Part-Time ('000)	122.0	109.8	119.5	12.2	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	33.0	48.6	34.4	-15.6	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	7.1	5.2	-2.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.7	5.5	-0.5	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	69.5	67.9	-1.4	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September <u>2015</u>	August <u>2015</u>	September <u>2014</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	605.8	615.5	595.4	-9.7	10.4
Male	330.2	335.2	328.0	-5.0	2.2
Female	275.6	280.3	267.4	-4.7	8.2
15-24 Years of Age	90.8	101.8	90.9	-11.0	-0.1
25+ Years of age	515.0	513.7	504.4	1.3	10.6
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	579.4	578.7	578.0	0.7	1.4
Male	314.7	316.0	318.7	-1.3	-4.0
Female	264.7	262.8	259.4	1.9	5.3
15-24 Years of Age	83.6	92.1	85.5	-8.5	-1.9
25+ Years of age	495.8	486.7	492.6	9.1	3.2
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	26.4	36.8	17.3	-10.4	9.1
Male	15.5	19.3	9.3	-3.8	6.2
Female	10.9	17.5	8.1	-6.6	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	7.3	9.8	5.5	-2.5	1.8
25+ Years of age	19.2	27.0	11.9	-7.8	7.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.4	6.0	2.9	-1.6	1.5
Male	4.7	5.8	2.8	-1.1	1.9
Female	4.0	6.2	3.0	-2.2	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	9.6	6.1	-1.6	1.9
25+ Years of age	3.7	5.3	2.4	-1.6	1.3
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	70.2	71.3	69.6	-1.1	0.6
Male	75.8	77.1	76.2	-1.3	-0.4
Female	64.4	65.5	63.0	-1.1	1.4
15-24 Years of Age	66.7	74.6	65.7	-7.9	1.0
25+ Years of age	70.8	70.7	70.4	0.1	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September <u>2015</u>	August <u>2015</u>	September <u>2014</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	44.2	42.0	48.0	2.2	-3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.0	25.6	28.5	0.4	-2.5
Utilities	6.9	7.0	6.4	-0.1	0.5
Construction	57.4	58.9	58.9	-1.5	-1.5
Manufacturing	26.2	27.4	28.8	-1.2	-2.6
Trade	84.5	85.7	82.7	-1.2	1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	29.5	30.4	29.4	-0.9	0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.4	31.3	31.6	-0.9	-1.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.9	25.7	26.8	-0.8	-1.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.5	15.1	12.8	-0.6	1.7
Educational Services	42.3	33.0	44.4	9.3	-2.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.6	80.2	72.7	-0.6	6.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.9	20.0	15.3	0.9	5.6
Accommodation and Food Services	38.2	40.6	34.9	-2.4	3.3
Other Services	26.5	27.0	26.2	-0.5	0.3
Public Administration	27.5	28.8	30.4	-1.3	-2.9
Total	579.4	578.7	578.0	0.7	1.4
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	476.7	485.8	482.5	-9.1	-5.8
Part-Time	102.7	92.9	95.5	9.8	7.2
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	475.0	474.9	462.6	0.1	12.4
Public Sector	137.2	130.9	139.0	6.3	-1.8
Private Sector	337.8	344.0	323.6	-6.2	14.2
Self-Employed	104.4	103.9	115.5	0.5	-11.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September <u>2015</u>	August <u>2015</u>	September <u>2014</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,068.7	18,228.8	17,915.1	-160.1	153.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	240.7	250.8	242.3	-10.1	-1.6
Prince Edward Island	75.9	77.2	76.1	-1.3	-0.2
Nova Scotia	458.1	460.9	453.6	-2.8	4.5
New Brunswick	358.3	363.3	361.4	-5.0	-3.1
Quebec	4,136.7	4,158.7	4,095.4	-22.0	41.3
Ontario	6,913.5	7,038.2	6,894.2	-124.7	19.3
Manitoba	640.9	638.4	630.0	2.5	10.9
Saskatchewan	579.4	578.7	578.0	0.7	1.4
Alberta	2,327.0	2,324.9	2,293.4	2.1	33.6
British Columbia	2,338.5	2,337.7	2,290.5	0.8	48.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.4	7.5	6.3	-1.1	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.5	11.0	10.4	0.5	1.1
Prince Edward Island	7.1	8.5	7.8	-1.4	-0.7
Nova Scotia	7.8	8.5	7.4	-0.7	0.4
New Brunswick	7.1	9.8	8.2	-2.7	-1.1
Quebec	6.7	8.2	6.7	-1.5	0.0
Ontario	6.5	7.6	6.8	-1.1	-0.3
Manitoba	4.9	7.1	5.2	-2.2	-0.3
Saskatchewan	4.4	6.0	2.9	-1.6	1.5
Alberta	5.9	6.6	4.2	-0.7	1.7
British Columbia	6.2	6.3	6.1	-0.1	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	September <u>2015</u>	August <u>2015</u>	September <u>2014</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,978.1	17,966.0	17,816.9	12.1	161.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.9	239.6	237.7	-3.7	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	73.7	72.2	74.1	1.5	-0.4
Nova Scotia	451.1	447.7	447.4	3.4	3.7
New Brunswick	351.4	349.9	354.0	1.5	-2.6
Quebec	4,106.3	4,095.2	4,059.6	11.1	46.7
Ontario	6,908.0	6,941.8	6,880.9	-33.8	27.1
Manitoba	639.0	635.0	628.7	4.0	10.3
Saskatchewan	575.9	572.7	575.6	3.2	0.3
Alberta	2,315.2	2,302.9	2,284.2	12.3	31.0
British Columbia	2,321.5	2,309.1	2,274.8	12.4	46.7

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

Canada	7.1	7.0	6.9	0.1	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.6	11.5	12.4	2.1	1.2
Prince Edward Island	9.3	10.8	9.6	-1.5	-0.3
Nova Scotia	8.9	8.4	8.5	0.5	0.4
New Brunswick	8.8	10.1	10.1	-1.3	-1.3
Quebec	7.7	8.0	7.8	-0.3	-0.1
Ontario	6.9	6.8	7.3	0.1	-0.4
Manitoba	5.2	5.7	5.5	-0.5	-0.3
Saskatchewan	5.1	4.7	3.5	0.4	1.6
Alberta	6.5	6.0	4.6	0.5	1.9
British Columbia	6.3	6.0	6.3	0.3	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	September 2015	August 2015	September 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>CANADIAN CITIES</u>					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	6.8	6.7	6.6	0.1	0.2
Halifax	5.8	5.8	6.3	0.0	-0.5
Saint John	8.6	9.3	8.0	-0.7	0.6
Quebec	4.7	4.9	5.4	-0.2	-0.7
Montreal	8.7	9.1	8.3	-0.4	0.4
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.7	7.0	7.4	-0.3	-0.7
Toronto	7.5	7.5	8.9	0.0	-1.4
Greater Sudbury	7.3	7.2	6.3	0.1	1.0
Winnipeg	6.3	6.4	6.8	-0.1	-0.5
Regina	4.6	4.5	3.5	0.1	1.1
Saskatoon	6.1	6.1	4.4	0.0	1.7
Calgary	7.0	7.1	5.0	-0.1	2.0
Edmonton	6.1	5.8	5.5	0.3	0.6
Vancouver	6.0	5.8	6.2	0.2	-0.2
Victoria	6.1	6.0	5.9	0.1	0.2
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	184.8	185.2	184.0	-0.4	0.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.0	53.8	53.4	-0.8	-0.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	200.7	201.6	199.7	-0.9	1.0
Yorkton-Melville	37.5	37.5	39.2	0.0	-1.7
Prince Albert & Northern	101.8	103.0	101.1	-1.2	0.7

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3 Month Moving Average)**

	September 2015	August 2015	September 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	610.4	613.1	600.7	-2.7	9.7
Employed ('000)	578.5	581.4	577.0	-2.9	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	31.8	31.8	23.7	0.0	8.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.2	3.9	0.0	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.8	71.1	70.3	-0.3	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.4	67.6	-0.3	-0.5
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	559.0	560.9	552.4	-1.9	6.6
Employed ('000)	534.2	536.3	534.0	-2.1	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	24.8	24.6	18.4	0.2	6.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.4	3.3	0.0	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	71.5	71.0	-0.3	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	68.0	68.4	68.7	-0.4	-0.7
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	51.3	52.2	48.3	-0.9	3.0
Employed ('000)	44.3	45.0	43.0	-0.7	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	7.0	7.2	5.3	-0.2	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.7	13.8	11.0	-0.1	2.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	67.4	63.4	-1.2	2.8
Employment Rate (%)	57.1	58.1	56.5	-1.0	0.6
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19.5	19.5	17.7	0.0	1.8
Employed ('000)	15.4	15.1	14.7	0.3	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	4.4	3.0	-0.2	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.3	22.6	16.9	-1.3	4.4
Participation Rate (%)	59.7	59.7	54.8	0.0	4.9
Employment Rate (%)	47.0	46.2	45.6	0.8	1.4
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.3	32.3	30.4	-1.0	0.9
Employed ('000)	28.5	29.6	28.3	-1.1	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.7	2.2	0.1	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.2	7.1	0.6	1.7
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	72.8	69.5	-2.2	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	66.8	64.6	-2.4	-0.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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